

# JEWES PLAN BIG FIGHT TO KILL THE BIBLE BILL

Greiner - Tallett Measure, for Reading in Schools, Bitterly Opposed.

"SECTARIAN," SAYS RABBI SILVERMAN

Clergymen to Appeal to Flocks—Will Take the Battle to Albany.

Prominent Jews throughout this state are fighting to defeat the Greiner-Tallett bill, which requires the daily reading of ten verses of the Bible in all public schools. The measure comes up for final hearing in the Legislature next Tuesday. They are determined to kill the bill, and to-day ministers of several Jewish congregations of this city will petition their followers to fight the measure as an outrage. Several will make the journey to Albany for that purpose.

The Rev. O. R. Miller is behind the Bible-reading bill. He has sent circulars to hundreds of Protestant churches throughout the state urging congregations to petition Assemblymen and Senators to pass the bill. It was ready for final passage on Wednesday of last week, but hundreds of letters from Jewish ministers and others halted its passage for further consideration.

Rabbi Silverman Opposes It. "I am absolutely opposed to the bill providing Bible reading," said the Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman, rabbi of Temple Emanuel, yesterday. "I am opposed to it even if it should make provision

for reading the Old Testament as well as the New. I see in this bill an entering wedge for Catholics to have their demand for state support for their parochial schools. I am just as much against reading the Bible in the public schools as I would be against the reading of Mrs. Eddy's Christian Science book, or the Koran, or some other sacred book of the East or West."

"Just as soon as I think of suggesting the reading of Brigham Young's revelations from God. If our Bible may be read in our public schools there is no reason why any of the other books mentioned cannot be read. The principle on which I base my opposition is that religion as such must be absolutely divorced from the curriculum of studies or from any course of reading in the public schools. Public schools are institutions for secular instruction for all classes of the population. Public schools are intended to fit the children for some avocation in life."

"Patriotism and respect for the law belong to the curriculum of the public school, but theology never. The Constitution of our country is based on the separation of Church from State. I believe that the inculcation of religion through Bible reading in the schools is a violation of the spirit and letter of the Constitution of the United States."

"Some may claim that the Bible should be read merely as literature, but that is neither the purpose of Bible reading nor is it the result. I know what the purpose behind this movement is, and I must say it is far from observing the constitutional rights of every man and woman in this country. If the plea that the Bible is good literature is advanced I will answer with the statement that there is plenty of literature to be read besides selecting a book whose only purpose is to teach religion."

Work of Sunday Schools. "If it is contended that the Bible is the best literature, I will answer again that such reading is covered by our Sunday schools, which have been created for that very purpose. If it is claimed that not all the children attend the Sunday schools, the answer is that that is none of the business of the missionaries and evangelists who are behind this Bible reading movement."

Leonard M. Wallstein, Commissioner of Accounts of New York, has also protested against the Greiner-Tallett bill. "I do not for a moment favor the carrying of religious principles into our public schools," said Mr. Wallstein. "The ethical principles common to all faiths can be taught without use of the Scriptures, as proposed. Their use in the manner proposed in Mr. Tallett's bill will, it seems to me, either intrude the religious faith of some school children on all of them, or it will make for the classification of school children on the basis of religious belief. Both results are pernicious and both are

# Justice Cohalan To Wed Dead Wife's Sister; Brother to Officiate

Miss Margaret O'Leary



Justice Daniel F. Cohalan.

Justice Daniel F. Cohalan, of the Supreme Court, whose first wife, Mrs. Hannah O'Leary Cohalan, died on June 22, 1911, will be married to-morrow to Miss Margaret O'Leary, the sister of his dead wife.

The marriage will take place at the Church of St. Francis De Sales, in East Ninety-sixth Street. The Rev. Patrick O'Leary, brother of the bride, will perform the ceremony and celebrate the nuptial mass.

Although the intended remarriage of Justice Cohalan had been known for some time to some of his friends, it did not become public until yesterday, when a clerk from the marriage bureau delivered a license to the Justice at his chambers.

Miss O'Leary is a native of Cork, Ireland, and is twenty-nine years old. Justice Cohalan is forty-eight years old, and was born in Middletown, N. Y. He married his first wife in 1895. He is the father of seven children, and each summer since the death of Mrs.

# RELIEF FUNDS CO-OPERATE British-American and Queens Field Force Together.

To avoid confusion with an organization against two of whose members accusations have recently been made, the British-American War Relief Fund made the following announcement yesterday:

"The British-American War Relief Fund, of 215 Fifth Avenue, wishes to state that it has no connection whatsoever with the British War Relief Association or any other association or fund of similar title."

The British-American War Relief Fund co-operates with Queen Alexandra's Field Force Fund, of London. Supplies for relief are sent to London for packing and distribution. All supplies are gifts or contributions from the United States. Almost 200,000 articles have been sent. Goods have come from all over the country. A large quantity of knitted apparel came from a home for the blind in Dawson, N. M. Gladys Herbert, president of the committee in charge of the fund; Mrs. Ralph Sawyer is secretary, and Henry Whitehouse is treasurer.

# CLOUD DARKENS "DRY" SUNDAY

Jersey City's Counsel Gives Decision That Complicates the Order to Police.

"The police are not justified in breaking up a crowd simply because the crowd is large, and has no right to expose the interior of the barroom, unless they are satisfied that liquor is being sold."

There is a problem the police of Jersey City have to solve to-day. The first question is from John Milton, Corporation Counsel. The second is from a letter written by Judge George C. Leonard to Police Chief Frank Monahan.

The judge seems to have the last word. He adds: "We are not, and will not be, interested in fine distinctions and possibilities; but we have been convinced that the police of this state are being violated, and we are determined to use the power of our office to see that those who duty it is shall enforce the laws, and their failure to do so that they shall be made to answer for their malfeasance. The important thing which I desire to emphasize is that there is no other order now in the hands of the police given to all the chiefs of police in this county."

Judge Leonard refers to Hudson County, where a determined effort is being made in certain quarters to have dry Sunday.

The Corporation Counsel's opinion was transmitted to the police by the Director of Public Safety, Chief Monahan, said last night he guessed he'd be in the streets, from the court and make an effort to keep Jersey City dry to-day.

# TO OPEN ASTOR HOME Musical Planned to Aid Hospital in China.

For the first time since the death of Colonel John Jacob Astor, the Titanic disaster, the Astor home, at 840 Fifth Avenue, will be opened on Thursday afternoon for a social function. The occasion will be a musical for the fund being raised for a woman's wing in the Chinese General Hospital, at Wu Chang, China.

The work of securing the necessary money has been undertaken by the Wednesday Morning Bible Class. In its list of donors, the committee charge are Mrs. Nathaniel Bowditch Potter, chairman; Mrs. Orme Wilson, secretary; Mrs. Oliver Iselin, treasurer; Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Francis C. Bishop, Mr. Lewis Iselin, Mrs. Martha McCook, Mrs. John T. Pratt, Mrs. John S. Rogers and Mrs. Joseph E. Stevens. Dr. MacWille, head of the hospital, is on his way to this country, and is expected in New York next week. He has been connected with the Chinese government since 1911, and organized the first ambulance corps in the Chinese army.

# SUICIDE IN THE OCEAN Woman's Clothing on Shore Leads to Finding of Body.

Spring Lake, N. J., Feb. 13.—A heap of clothing lying on the shore, within a short distance of the United States Coast Guard station here, led to the discovery of the body of Mary Cox, of Asbury Park. The woman had dived herself of her outer wraps, walked into the surf and drowned.

Harry Cox, of the Coast Guard service, was on duty on the trip along the beach, when he found the woman's hat, handbag, sweater and coat. Cox informed the station, and footprints leading from the clothing into the water were followed. The body was found an hour later, being tossed about by the surf.

The woman had lived with her mother in Asbury Park. She had been married to a man named Harry Cox, a native of Asbury Park, who had been killed in a recent automobile accident. Her son identified the body. It is believed that continued ill-health was the cause of the suicide.

# WILL HONOR MRS. MITCHELL Mayor's Wife To Be Guest at Suffrage Luncheon in Wall St.

Mrs. John Purroy Mitchell will be the guest of honor at the opening of the suffrage luncheon at 70 Wall Street to-morrow.

The list of honor guests includes Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus M. Marks, Miss Mildred Sawyer is bringing a group of debutantes to serve at the guest table.

Hours of the organization are being held in the Empire State Campaign Committee and a corps of city officials will contribute the first week's programme, as follows: Monday, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, chairman of the Empire State Campaign Committee, and George B. McAneny, Tuesday, Mrs. Raymond Brown, president of the New York State Woman Suffrage Association, and Frederick C. Howe, Commissioner of Immigration; Wednesday, Miss Mary Garrett Hay, chairman of Woman Suffrage party, and Police Commissioner Woods; Thursday, Mrs. Frederick Nathan, president of the Consumers' League, and Dr. Henry Moskowitz; Friday, Mrs. Howard Mansfield, of the Equal Franchise Society; Mrs. John O'Hara, of the New York City Board of Education, and the Finch School, and John J. Murphy, of the Collegiate League, and Fire Commissioner Adams.

# STUDY PRIZE FOR D. T. D'S Fraternity Offers Fellowship for Gains in Scholarship.

As an incentive to study, the Delta Tau Delta Club, of this city, has offered a prize to the member of that fraternity who makes the greatest gain in scholarship in the college year. The prize is in the form of a fellowship at any university in the country the student may choose.

Colonel James H. Curtis, president of the club, has enlisted the support of the Inter-Fraternity Conference, and is endeavoring to prove that fraternity men are not deficient in scholarship. This is the principal argument offered by opponents of the Greek letter societies, who claim that the fraternities are a waste of time and money, and that they take the place of the college.

Alumni are interested in the project to raise the scholarship standards of fraternity men now in college, and many faculties have also expressed approval of the plan.

# Arizona's Dry Law Upheld Supreme Court, Confirming the Conviction of Louis Ghera, upheld the Arizona prohibition law on all points.

Ghera said a pint of whiskey after the law went into effect, January 1. The wet forces now declare they will take the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

# Extra Work for Joe Engel.

Clark Griffith plans to send Joe Engel, one of his promising young pitchers, to the South several weeks in advance of the spring players. Engel is so wild that Griffith figures he needs an extra long period for training.

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## MOB DEMANDS SAVINGS Rumor Causes Throng to Storm Remittance Agency.

Several hundred Italians were kept in check by the reserves from the Astoria police precinct and prevented from making an attack upon the real estate and steamship ticket office of M. Di Simone & Son, at 141 Broadway, Long Island City, yesterday afternoon and evening. The Italians were from the factories in the Steinway and Astoria sections and had intrusted some of their savings to the firm.

Yesterday morning an automobile moving van drove up in front of the place and some of the furniture was moved out. The Di Simone occupied apartments above their office. Word was spread through the settlement that the family was going away, and that not long before there was a throng in front of the office.

Michael Di Simone, head of the firm, is employed by the White Star Steamship Company, and his son Ralph is a clerk in the office of County Clerk Leonard Ruoff at Jamaica. Both hurried home when they heard of the trouble.

Ralph Di Simone was spokesman for the firm and he said: "My father and myself have dissolved partnership, and he was about to move to Corona, and that was the reason for the appearance of the moving van here. We have represented these people in the forwarding of money to relatives and friends in Italy. As such we are the agents of the American Express Company, and we have made some of these people have made us depositories of their savings until they were ready to send the money abroad. We have about \$1,500 in all. We are good for the amount."

## WILLED SISTER'S MONEY Referee Says D. W. Merritt Obtained Estate by Fraud.

According to the findings of Frederick W. Sherman, of Rye, who was appointed a referee by Justice Mills, of the Supreme Court, Daniel W. Merritt had nothing to give to charity, although in his will he bequeathed his estate of \$250,000 to the village of Port Chester to be used for laying out a cemetery where the poor of the town could be buried free of charge.

Mr. Sherman finds that the property which Merritt claimed to own actually belonged to his sister, Emma E. Merritt, an incompetent person. The referee said: "The deceased brother of the said incompetent, during the last nine years, had taken advantage of her helpless condition, and had by fraud and fraudulent unrecorded conveyances disposed of the whole of her property, which he devised and bequeathed to his executors. The referee also says that the will bequeathed property unexplained against every relative, and even cut off his sister without a cent."

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## WILL GUIDE NASSAU Committee to Frame Plan for Model County Rule.

Minneapolis, Long Island, Feb. 13.—Nassau County is to have submitted its voters some time within the next three years, a plan for county government which gives promise of making this county one of the best governed in the country.

Some time ago a bill passed the Legislature giving the Board of Supervisors the right to name a commission of seven men who would have the power to submit to the voters plans for a new charter, which would in turn be passed upon by the Legislature before it became a law.

The Supervisors named Frank L. Crocker, of Locust Valley; Willis D. Straight, of Westbury; C. A. W. D. Song of Port Washington; George S. Emory, of Hempstead; William G. Miller, of Freeport; Bronson Winthrop, of Westbury, and Frederick N. Watrous, of Great Neck.

These men will meet from time to time and decide on what will be the best interests of Nassau.

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## Civil Service Class for Guard.

The 49th Regiment of the national guard, of this city, has established a civil service school for its enlisted men and others who may join the regiment. It is to be conducted without expense to the members by one of the best known instructors in New York, and will begin its sessions to-morrow night in the armory. Subjects necessary for federal, state and municipal positions will be taught.